



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

April 5, 2004

H.R. 4019

A bill to address the participation of Taiwan in the World Health Organization

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on International Relations
on March 31, 2004*

H.R. 4019 would require the Secretary of State to initiate a plan to obtain observer status for Taiwan at the World Health Assembly to be held in Geneva, Switzerland, in May 2004. The bill would require the Secretary to submit a written report within 30 days of enactment and no later than April 1 of each subsequent year on what the Secretary has done and what the Secretary will do to obtain observer status for Taiwan at the World Health Assembly. CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 4019 would result in no significant additional costs to the federal government because neither the plan nor the report would add significantly to the State Department's workload. The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts.

H.R. 4019 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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